

purpose of purchasing various types of new vehicles which have to be registered as public carriers or contract carriers. The rate of interest charged on such advances is 15% p.a. The promoters' contribution is 15% upto 2 vehicles and 20% for more than 2 vehicles.

(c) DFC has stated that to be eligible for such a loan the promoter should be a bonafide resident of the Union Territory of Delhi or Chandigarh and should possess necessary managerial and practical experience to be able to run the transport business. The total number of vehicles owned by the promoter, including the vehicle(s) proposed to be acquired should not exceed 6.

New Rifle for Army

5243. SHRI PRATAP RAO B. BHONSLE: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to provide 'Ishapur-91' the new light weight assault rifle as standard personal weapon to Jawans of Indian Army;

(b) whether these rifles are to be imported or to be manufactured indigenously;

(c) the amount involved in the purchase of the new rifles; and

(d) what will be the disposal of existing rifles?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The rifles are to be manufactured indigenously.

(c) As the rifle is still under development it is not possible to assess the cost likely to be involved in its purchase.

(d) After the introduction of the new rifle,

the existing 7.62 mm SLRs will be gradually phased out and disposed of in a manner beneficial to the State.

Exports of Arms

5244. SHRI SHARAD DIGHE:
SHRI GANGADHARA
SANIPALLI:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the value of arms exported during 1990-91;

(b) the target fixed for export of arms during 1991-92;

(c) whether the Government have appointed any committee of experts to study the feasibility of privatisation of defence production and to formulate a policy for exports of defence items; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) The exports (including deemed exports) by defence production units during 1990-91 were of the value of Rs. 78.94 crores.

(b) The target for exports (including deemed exports) by our defence production units during 1991-92 has been fixed at Rs. 104 crores.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Capacity Utilisation of Public Sector Defence Production Units

5245. SHRI ANNA JOSHI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the public sector defence production units are fully utilising their production capacity; .

(b) if not, whether the Government propose to allow the private sector to use the spare capacity of defence units; and

(c) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). The non-dedicated spare production capacity at the public sector defence production units may be utilised by the concerned units for execution of job orders for other public sector undertakings as well as the private sector.

Dredging of Tuticorin Port

5246. SHRI M. R. KADAMBUR JANARTHANAN: WILL THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT BE pleased to state:

(a) the present position of the Court case pending before the Madras High court due to which the dredging work to further deepen the Tuticorin Port is held up; and

(b) the efforts made to expedite disposal of the case and commence dredging work without any further delay?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) The Three Writ petitions filed by M/s ACC Company Limited in High Court of Madras were dis-

missed during February, 1991.

(b) Hydrographic Survey of approach channel has been taken up and completed through DCI in June, 1991 for assessment of balance dredge quantity. Based on this survey, the dredge quantities are under computation so that the balance dredging to attain the planned draft of 9.14 M (30 FT) could be taken up.

[*Translation*]

Simplified Income Tax Return Forms

5247. SHRI RAM NARAIN BERWA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have made amendments in income tax return forms several times during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government propose to introduce a simplified income tax return form; and

(d) if so, the time by which it is likely to be done?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) to (d). Different income tax return forms have been prescribed for various categories of tax payers. The number of times such forms have been amended during the past three years (1st August, 1988 onwards) is as under:

<i>Type of Income tax Return Form</i>	<i>Broad categories of assesseees covered</i>	<i>Number of times amended during the last three Years (1st August, 1988 to 31st July, 1991).</i>
Form No. 1	Companies	2
Form No. 2	Non-corporate assesseees having income from business or profession	3